



Winter Park Optimist
2017 Strike Out Childhood Cancer
Fundraiser April 1 & 2

Childhood cancer is more common than many may realize. Please use this fact sheet to arm yourself with knowledge – and spread the word – about childhood cancer.

- Nearly 16,000 children will be diagnosed with cancer in the next 12 months.
- 1-in-408 children will be diagnosed with cancer before age 15.
- 1-in-285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before age 20.
- Cancer is the #1 cause of death by disease of children.
- The average age of a child diagnosed with cancer is 6 years old.
- 1 out of 5 children with childhood cancer die.
- An estimated 10,450 new cases and 1,350 cancer deaths are expected to occur among children (ages 0-14) this year.
- Every school day, 43 young people (or two classrooms of children) are diagnosed with cancer.
- 3 out of 5 children suffer from long-term side effects from cancer.
- There are more than 25 different types.
- Childhood cancer is not the same as adult cancer. Separate research and treatments are required. Since the 1950s, overall survival rates have risen from less than 10% to almost 80%.
- There are about 270,000 childhood cancer survivors in the U.S., or 1-in-every-900 young adults. Approximately 1-in-530 adults between the ages of 20 and 39 is a survivor of childhood cancer. –

See more at:

<http://www.curechildhoodcancer.org/about-cure/childhood-cancer-facts/#sthash.kLs56CFc.dpuf>

